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## Secretary of State announces new grant awards

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has approved 18 grants for a variety of projects under the federal Library Services and Technology Act. Libraries receiving grants include the following:



### **Adaptive Equipment**

Boonslick Regional Library	\$20,240
Brookfield Public Library	4,000
Little Dixie Regional Library	38,920
McDonald County Library	5,850

These libraries will purchase closed-caption televisions, large-screen monitors, flat-bed scanners with voice output, and other equipment to help seniors and those who have vision problems use the library.

### **After School Connections**

*Kirkwood Public Library: Giga's Club* \$4,800

This project will provide technology instruction to youth in grades four through eight who are enrolled in the YMCA Afterschool program in a high-poverty neighborhood. The grant funds will be used to train volunteers who will provide technology instruction for the youth.

*Richmond Heights Memorial Library: After School Cyber Café* \$5,000

The library has restructured the design of the After School Cyber Café, which was originally funded in the Fall 2001 After School Connections grant round.

*St. Louis Public Library: After School Connections* \$19,600

The library proposes to expand and enhance Club Tech, funded in Fall 2001 After School Connections grant round, from two to five sites. Activities will be expanded beyond homework help and technology training to include cultural programs and service learning projects.

*Sedalia Public Library: After School Bilingual Program* \$800

This project will target bilingual Spanish-speaking youth in grades four and five. It will introduce these youth to library services, promote the Spanish/bilingual collection, and provide basic library instruction. The library has developed a strong partnership with community agencies to help attract the audience.

### **Digital Imaging**

*Bernard Becker Medical Library, Washington University* \$27,318  
"21st General Hospital Digitization Project"

A public pictorial and documentary record of Missouri's most decorated military medical unit that saw action in both world wars.

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## Final round of automation grants

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*Boone County Historical Society &* \$9,200

*Library Systems Office, University of Missouri*

"A Selection of Glass Plate Negatives Depicting Early Columbia & Boone County"

This project offers a unique glimpse into the people and culture of Columbia, Boone County, and Missouri in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

*Building & Infrastructure Archives & University Archives* \$29,935

*University of Missouri*

"MU in Brick & Mortar: The Building History of the University of Missouri"

Digitized architectural plans combined with historical background materials and photographs give online viewers a virtual tour of the UM-Columbia campus throughout its 163-year history as the oldest land grant university west of the Mississippi.

*Library Systems Office, University of Missouri* \$8,100

"Plat Books for Missouri Counties & Early Books on Missouri Exploration"

These are two rare resources for scholars and researchers of the early exploration and settlement of Missouri.

*Missouri Historical Society* \$19,274

"The Universal Exposition—1904 St. Louis World's Fair Official History"

This project provides online access to the two primary sources for understanding the 1904 World's Fair, a significant event in Missouri history.

*St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis* \$10,700

"St. Louis Globe-Democrat Glass Plate Negatives Collection"

This project constitutes a complete history of the newspaper's 134-year run, with photo negatives from the 1920s and 1930s that are a valuable source for aviation history and urban development.

*Truman Presidential Museum & Library* \$13,100

"The Life and Times of Harry S. Truman"

Important historical photos from the Truman Administration that will benefit scholars, researchers, journalists, students, and genealogists.

### English as a Second Language Conversation Partners

*St. Louis Public Library* \$20,000

The library will set up 10 intergenerational conversation partners groups in five library branches. Funds will be used for a part-time coordinator, recruitment and training of new volunteers and new participants as well as further training of volunteer ESL conversation partners group leaders. Immigrant adults often depend on their children to serve as the bridge to English-speaking society, and these adults are more likely to attend a conversation partners group if children are included. The library recognizes the stress on immigrant families and hopes there will be benefits from encouraging parents to speak more English and involving entire families in a mutual activity.

### Planning and Standards

*Polk County Library* \$8,200

The library will conduct a survey using Opinion Research Specialists in Springfield, Missouri. Survey results will assist in developing a service plan for the library, and for poli-

cymaking, program development, and facilities planning. The Springfield firm was chosen because of its positive track record with local libraries and other governmental agencies.

*Rolling Hills Consolidated Library* \$9,353  
Funds will be used for development of a service plan for the library system.

### **Discoveries: Programs for Seniors**

*Neosho/Newton County Library*  
*Old Trails—New Dreams* \$1,548

During one week in the summer, the library will host a series of programs featuring several performers portraying historical or literary figures. Each evening's program will be preceded by a piano concert of old tunes. Grant funds will be used to cover costs for a performance by Lewis and Clark reenactors and a program focused on the Nez Perce Indians.

## **Final round of automation grants**

Thirteen public libraries will receive funds under the 18th and final round of state-funded automation grants. This program, instituted in 1996, is funded through a special appropriation approved by the Missouri General Assembly. To date, the program has provided \$4.5 million in funding for 61 libraries and one library consortium. Their grants have been used for automation projects ranging from retrospective conversion and new automation systems to upgrade and replacement of systems. In the final grant round, Secretary of State Matt Blunt recommended awards totaling \$159,517.

### **Retrospective conversion**

Kansas City Public Library \$4,242

This grant was awarded to convert paper cataloging records to machine-readable records and to add holdings information to the local database for a portion of Kansas City's special collections, which include scores and maps.

### **New automation systems**

Bethany Public Library	\$10,570
Carrollton Public Library	17,181
Doniphan-Ripley County Library	23,656
Dulany Library (Salisbury)	23,573
Gentry County Library	17,273
Hamilton Public Library	14,809
Monroe City Public Library	10,232
Seymour Community Library	13,191
Sullivan County Public Library	24,790

### **System upgrades/replacements**

Daniel Boone Regional Library	\$62,447 (state funds) and \$12,920 (LSTA)
Joplin Public Library	\$24,519 (state funds) and \$11,978 (LSTA)
Mid-Continent Public Library	\$188,436 (state funds)

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds will pay for terminals requested by Daniel Boone and Joplin Public, following a long-established practice within the program.



## **Web Watch**

### **Food Safety**

[www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/foodsci/agentinfo](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/foodsci/agentinfo)

This site is a "gateway" containing more than 600 food safety links. It is divided into 10 categories, with the "hot topics" section being the largest.

### **Monticello—The Home of Thomas Jefferson**

[www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org)

Explore the house, gardens, and plantation of the third U.S. president. Includes biographical information, "A Day in the Life" with images, Jefferson's West (Thomas Jefferson and the Lewis and Clark Expedition), an interactive floorplan, biographies of people who lived and worked at Monticello, a narrative on slavery, pictures and descriptions of plants and gardens, recipes, and more. A wonderful site.

### **Storyline Online**

[www.bookpals.net](http://www.bookpals.net)

Presented by the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, the site features Screen Actors Guild members reading children's books aloud. Chosen by BookPals national program director Ellen Nathan, former teacher and librarian, each book on the site offers a lesson plan and an activity guide.

## First woman superintendent of documents

Judith C. Russell has been named superintendent of documents at the Government Printing Office. She will be the 22nd superintendent and the first woman to hold the post. A former GPO manager, Russell will take office in January.

Prior to her appointment, Russell served as deputy director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the federal agency that advises the President and Congress on the information needs of the American people.

From 1991 to 1996, Russell was director of GPO's Office of Electronic Information Services. In that capacity, she helped establish GPO Access ([www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)), one of the federal government's most heavily used websites, providing online access to major government publications.

She holds an M.L.S. from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

## Library legislative watch

Due to term limits, almost 100 new legislators will become members of the Missouri legislature in 2003. The First Session of the 92nd General Assembly faces tough challenges in a year that holds little promise for a speedy economic recovery.



Some of the library issues to watch in the new session include:

- Restoration of funding from the Athletes & Entertainers Tax (public libraries receive 10% of this tax, as one of five cultural partners). For the past several years, these funds have not been appropriated as outlined in the Missouri statutes (143.183 RSMo).
- Extending the sunset for the collection of the Athletes and Entertainers tax for the five cultural partners.
- State Aid for Public Libraries: Secretary of State Matt Blunt has recommended core funding of \$3,770,657 and a \$231,087 increase in his budget request to the General Assembly. The Governor has included these amounts in his budget.
- Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL): This project connects Missouri public libraries to the Internet. Last year, the appropriation for REAL was cut 11 percent (\$365,750).
- Property tax legislation: Since local property taxes are the primary source of funding for the state's public libraries, any legislation pertaining to these taxes could present potential negative effects on future funding.
- Common Library Platform: Funding for the Missouri Bibliographic and Information User System (MOBIUS) is included in the budget request of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. This state/institutional partnership enables students and faculty in Missouri

to access books and materials owned by public and independent colleges and universities in the state.

- MOREnet: This agency provides the backbone for the statewide telecommunications network as well as Internet connections for public libraries, public schools, colleges and universities.  
*[The MOBIUS and MOREnet items are appropriations to the University of Missouri]*

## Missouri digitization conference 2003

"Digitization and Collaboration: Next Step in Planning and Process" is the theme of the 2003 Missouri Digitization Conference, to be held February 19-20 in Columbia. Featured speakers include: Tom Claerson representing the OCLC Digital Cooperative; Kevin Cherry from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Howard Besser from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts; and Peter Jaszi, professor of law at American University, Washington College of Law. Representatives from Missouri libraries, state agencies, and cultural institutions will describe current digitization projects and grant opportunities.

Additional information is available on the Virtually Missouri website at [www.virtuallymissouri.org](http://www.virtuallymissouri.org).

## State Library holds public hearing on filtering rule

Sixteen people attended a public hearing on January 10, 2003, in Jefferson City, to discuss the proposed administrative rule (15CSR 30 200.030) that addresses procedures for managing public access computers in public libraries as required by statutes 182.825 and 182.827 RSMo 2002. The purpose of the rule is to implement the law to limit access to material that is pornographic to minors. Procedures are administered by the State Librarian under the direction of the Secretary of State.

State Librarian Sara Parker convened the



hearing and asked those attending to air any concerns or questions about the rule. Referring to the legislation's history, she noted that there has been some confusion between federal and state efforts to limit access to pornography by minors.

No public testimony was offered at the hearing. One comment was received through the Web about the fiscal impact of the rule.

Once the rule becomes permanent, it has the weight of law. Public libraries in Missouri will be expected to show compliance on a yearly basis, beginning with 2003. The administrative rule will go forward and become permanent at the end of April 2003.

Questions about the rule should be directed to Parker at [parkes@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:parkes@sosmail.state.mo.us) or Donnell Ruthenberg Sutherland, the State Library's automation consultant, at [suthed@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:suthed@sosmail.state.mo.us)

## State Library distributes LSTA five-year plan

Print copies of the *Missouri Five-Year State Plan: 2003-2008 Library Services and Technology Act* have been distributed to Missouri public, academic, special, and institutional libraries. The plan was developed during 2002 after a series of meetings with librarians, library governing bodies, and library users. It includes a needs assessment, a look at demographic trends, a discussion of library funding and the LSTA process in Missouri, and appendices providing timelines, definitions, and procedures. The report outlines goals, activities, and proposed outcomes in three areas: The Library—Supporting Excellence in Service, The Community—Reaching out to Partners, and The World—Beyond the Here and Now.

The plan is available in PDF format on the State Library's website at [www.sos.mo.gov/library](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library). On the homepage, look under Special Reports. To request a print copy, contact the Library Development Division at the State Library, 800-325-0131.

## 2002 Building Block winner

*Who Took the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?* by Bonnie Lass (Little Brown) has been named the 2002 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award winner. This adaptation of the childhood rhyme features a picture-book mystery and colorful illustrations by Ashley Wolff.

The award, administered by the Children's Services Round Table of the Missouri Library Association (MLA), is presented annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children at their public libraries. It is designed to encourage reading aloud to children from birth through kindergarten. MLA issues a list of 10 titles selected annually by a group of Missouri children's librarians.

More than 6,000 children cast ballots for the award in 2002.

## Women's Council issues report on Missouri families

The Missouri Women's Council has released a new report that identifies the level of income necessary for varying compositions of Missouri families throughout the state. The council is a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Missouri was issued by the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council and Wider Opportunities for Women. The report details the costs for families to make ends meet, without any public or private supports, in each county of Missouri. It charts the actual costs of living and working in the state and measures how much income a family needs to pay for housing, food, childcare, healthcare, transportation, and taxes—if they do not receive any help from

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## Bohley scholarship applications open

The Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship was created by the Missouri Library Association (MLA) in 1992 to honor Ronald G. Bohley, a Missouri librarian whose life-long pursuit of interlibrary cooperation and exemplary professional standards was well known and respected throughout the state.

One scholarship is awarded annually to an individual enrolled in, or recently accepted into, a graduate program in library science/information science accredited by the American Library Association.

Applications must be postmarked by June 1 of each year. The MLA president will notify the scholarship winner by August 31. For scholarship criteria and an application form, check the MLA website at [www.molib.org](http://www.molib.org).



## Building "social capital"

Drs. Joan Durrance and Karen Fisher-Pettigrew believe librarians know a thing or two about building social capital. "Social capital" is a buzzword of social scientists, economists, and community decision-makers. Used to describe the construction of social networks and mutual commitments by individuals that benefit whole community, the term gained recent popularity through Robert Putnam's book, *Bowling Alone*.

To help librarians understand the importance of community-focused services from the perspective of their users, Durrance and Fisher-Pettigrew used support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop tools for librarians to evaluate the outcomes of their community-focused services. The project website includes an evaluation toolkit, lists of best practices, case studies, and other resources. Visit [www.imls.gov/closer/hlt\\_11202.htm](http://www.imls.gov/closer/hlt_11202.htm).

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relatives, friends, or the government—based on the ages, as well as number, of children in each household, and the family's geographic location.

For example, in order for a single mother in St. Louis with one pre-schooler and one school-age child to meet her most basic expenses, she needs an income of least \$30,177 annually, according to the study. That same family would need an income of \$20,663 in Bates County, and \$33,808 in Cass County.

In 2000, the Missouri Women's Council developed a similar report on the cost of living in Missouri.

To download the full report, go to [www.womenscouncil.org/pdf/sss-2002-pdf](http://www.womenscouncil.org/pdf/sss-2002-pdf).

## Changes approved for Missouri's LSTA grant program

The Secretary's Council on Library Development advises the Secretary of State on the uses of LSTA funds at its spring meeting. State Library staff have suggested that a longer timeframe for grants would be advantageous for both grant applicants and those who review the grants. At the Council's December 2003 meeting, State Librarian Sara Parker recommended that members consider this change, and the members concurred with her recommendation.

What will this change mean?

Calls for grants will be offered earlier. Libraries will have more time to research and apply for competitive grants. The Library Development staff will have more time to assist potential applicants with program guidelines and the application process and to review applications and monitor projects.

The additional lead time will mean grant projects can run for a full 12-month period—July 1 to June 30—allowing more time for start-up activities, project fulfillment, and effective project evaluation. This grant cycle change also will better coordinate with federal LSTA reporting requirements. The 2003 calendar year will be a transition year, i.e., federal FY04 funds will

be considered at the March council meeting and the FY05 funds at the December meeting.

## Missouri libraries receive Libri grants

Sixteen public libraries in Missouri receive Libri Foundation grants in 2002. These grants, awarded as matching funds, help small, rural public libraries in the U.S. to purchase new hardcover children's books. Libraries receiving grants include: Bernie Public Library, Bethany Public Library, Butler Public Library, Cameron Public Library, Carnegie Public Library (Albany), Doniphan/Ripley County Library, Fisk Community Library, Hamilton Public Library, Happpy and Mary Curless Branch of Barton County Library, Howard County Library (Fayette), Louisiana Public Library, Mountain View Public Library, Puxico Public Library, Salem Public Library, Seymour Community Library, and Willow Springs Public Library.

Since October 1990, The Libri Foundation has donated over \$1,500,000 worth of children's books to more than 1,500 libraries in 47 states.

## President Bush signs e-government bill

President Bush signed the E-Government Act of 2002 in mid-December, a large step in the direction of better federal executive branch management of information over its life-cycle, with public access being a key focus. The library community has been involved with this legislation since its initiation.

The legislation creates a number of new opportunities for the public, libraries, and others concerned with information access. The bill also contains important provisions regarding the privacy implications of government information systems, digital divide concerns, and community technology centers.

Several provisions of the Act will affect the library and access communities—from

privacy and security concerns to categorization of government information for electronic searching and guidance for federal agency websites. For an in-depth review of these provisions, go to: [www.ala.org/washoff/egovact.html](http://www.ala.org/washoff/egovact.html).

## NEH preservation grants available

As part of an initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Preservation Assistance Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to enhance the capacity of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations to preserve humanities

collections, including books, journals, manuscript and archival materials, maps, still and moving images, oral histories, recorded sound, and objects of material culture.

An institution may submit one application per deadline. NEH encourages applications from institutions that have never received an NEH grant. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.

Complete guidelines, including examples of projects eligible for support are available on NEH's website at [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html), or call 202-606-8570 to request a paper copy. The application deadline is May 15, 2003, for projects beginning in January 2004.



## Scores from the nation's reading report card

Results for the 2000 National Assessment of Educational Progress reading assessment of the nation's fourth-graders are in—and they show a relatively stable pattern in students' average reading scores during the last decade.

Highlights of The Nation's Report Card are available in a full-color publication that describes the assessment content, presents major findings, and provides information about students' school and home experiences related to literacy. This publication also includes sample test questions and examples of student responses.

For a copy, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading>, or call 877-4ED-PUBS, while supplies last.

### Missouri's Civil War history

## Blunt announces new online resource

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has announced that historians, Civil War buffs, and other interested Missourians now have access to an exciting online database of Missouri's Civil War history. The Civil War Provost Marshal Index Database is now available at [www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp).

The Union Army created the position of provost marshal to oversee, among other things: investigating charges or acts of treason and arresting deserters, spies, and persons deemed disloyal. Provost marshals or deputy marshals were assigned to every county or congressional district in the union states. Blunt said the correspondence and legal documents involving Missouri citizens and provost marshals in their area would shed new light on Missouri's pivotal role in the Civil War.

The microfilm collection available at the Missouri State Archives contains thousands of pages that describe how the provost marshal affected the lives of Missouri citizens who came into contact with the Union Army, offering a unique look at a state divided in loyalty and the war society that resulted.

"There continues to be enormous interest in the Civil War and the impact it has had on our state and nation," Blunt said. "This online index makes our state's Civil War history both accessible and meaningful to scholars and students. Far from being solely a resource for military research, the provost marshal papers provide information about the role of women during the war, its effect on Missouri's slavery as an institution, and the difficulties experienced by war refugees."

The index database is an ongoing project directed by the Missouri State Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's office. Discrete information, such as name and subject matter, is extracted from a review of thousands of pages of microfilm. This information, entered into a database, provides an online index to a manuscript collection that has been virtually untouched by researchers. The index database provides a key resource to the further study of a fascinating chapter in Missouri's history.





## Missouri Library News

**newsline** welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



### St. Louis Public Library exhibit documents German-American culture

German immigrants and their descendents have influenced the history and culture of St. Louis since the early 1800s. By the end of the 19th century, Germans represented over one-half (52.3 percent) of the city's total foreign-born population. Today, those with German ancestry are still a significant proportion of the city's population.

The contributions of German-Americans are highlighted in a new website exhibit created by the St. Louis Public Library. Information is presented in an easy-to-access format and features an ongoing exhibit of pictures and family histories as well as recommended websites and suggested readings.

To access "Lasting Impressions: German-Americans in St. Louis, go to the library's website at [www.slpl.lib.mo.us](http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us) and click on "Exhibit."

Funding for the creation and maintenance of the exhibit comes from the American Council on Germany.

### Webster County Library opens youth wing

Webster County Library dedicated a new youth wing with a community open house on December 8, 2002, at the Garst Memorial Library in Marshfield. The 2,350-square-foot addition to the 1995 facility increases its size by almost 50 percent.

The addition houses all juvenile and young adult materials, study areas, and a six-user computer workstation for minors. Offices for the library director and technical services and a workroom/storage facility for outreach and computer services were included in the expansion.

Ground was broken in April 2002 on the north side of the Garst building, and the \$188,182 project was habitable in September 2002. The addition was funded entirely through private donations and fundraising activities. Memorial contributions purchased many furnishings.

The Webster County Friends of the Library sponsored the open house. Photographs of the event and new addition may be viewed online at the library's website: <http://webstercounty.lib.mo.us>.

### Alton Library plans new building; receives donation

The Alton Branch of Oregon County Library has been planning a new facility for several years. Librarian Janice Richardson says when special programs such as story-times or adult programs are held, other services such as public access computers have to be shut down due to lack of space. A committee began a search for a building or building site and talked with patrons about preferred locations.

The library received a break when a local business owner offered to trade buildings with the library—an even trade. The library board accepted the offer, and building renovation has started. Additional good news came with a donation of \$25,000 from the Wallace family, business owners in Alton.

Richardson said the new facility will be more than two times the size of the present library. "All areas of the library will have room to expand, and we plan to have a quiet reading room for the public."

### Owens Library receives rare document to aid Cather scholars

A rare copy of a diary Willa Cather used to write *One of Ours*, her 1923 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, has been donated to the Le Bell Collection in Northwest Missouri State University's B.D. Owens Library in Maryville.

Cather learned of the diary from Dr. Frederick Sweeney, a former World War I troop



ship doctor, when he treated Cather for influenza. Cather persuaded him to lend her the diary because she needed to learn from a personal account what life aboard a troop ship headed to France during World War I was like. She borrowed information and anecdotes from the diary for the fourth section of the novel, which tells the story of a Nebraska farmer who goes to France as a soldier during World War I.

"Dr. Sweeney's diary furnished for Cather the most important source for her to interpret war experiences, the characters of fighting men, the influenza epidemic on ship board and many other occurrences centering around the lives of men on a troop ship," said Dr. Virgil Albertini, Northwest emeritus professor and Cather scholar. "It is also a fascinating work that brings us close to a time in which it was possible to believe in a war to end all wars."

Bell was in Albertini's first Cather class and later provided the library's archives with her rare and extensive collection of works by Cather.

## St. Louis County Library ranked 13<sup>th</sup> out of 900

The recently released 2002 *Cumulative Depository Library Referrals Report* ranks St. Louis County Library as 13<sup>th</sup> in more than 900 libraries referring users to GPO Access, a service of the United States Government Printing Office that provides free electronic access to approximately 225,000 titles of noteworthy interest. The ranking is based on referrals from the library's depository webpage at [www.slcl.org/branches/hq/gov-doc/federal/comprehensive.htm](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/gov-doc/federal/comprehensive.htm).

"Typical users include small business owners searching for financial assistance, consumers seeking affordable health and housing protection, and citizens researching laws and regulations," said Barb Mottin, senior manager at the county library.

GPO disseminates the largest volume of U.S. government publications and information in the world. The Federal Depository Library Program is by far the largest and best known of the agency's programs.

St. Louis County Library was designated a federal depository in 1970.

## Libraries go wireless in St. Louis and Springfield

St. Louis Public Library has introduced wireless Internet service at its Schlafly Branch in the city's Central West End. The service allows patrons to access the Internet on their own laptop or notebook computers from anywhere in the branch. The service is free of charge.

Whether a patron is seated in a lounge chair, working at a study carrel or table, or scouring the book stacks, the wireless high-speed connection allows patrons to browse or download information from the Internet directly to their own computers.

The Schlafly Branch is serving as the test site for wireless Internet service. If the service proves to be as successful as anticipated, it will be expanded in stages to the library's Buder, Carpenter, and Julia Davis branches.

In Springfield, a grant from the Southwestern Bell Foundation will allow the Springfield-Greene County Library to create a mobile lab of about 10 wireless laptop computers.

"It will allow us to turn any meeting room into a lab with little effort," said computer services manager David Patillo. "No cabling or wiring makes these laptops very mobile."

The initial plan is to test them around the library district and use them at the new Library Station, which is scheduled to open in the summer.

## William Gaddis papers go to Washington University Libraries

Washington University Libraries in St. Louis have acquired the literary archive of National Book Award-winning novelist William Gaddis (1922-1998). Gaddis' papers will become part of the university's Modern Literature Collection, which includes the papers of more than 125 promi-

## Zipf fellowship for info management

The Council on Library and Information Resources has established a fellowship to honor A.R. Zipf, a pioneer in information management systems. The \$8,000 fellowship is awarded annually to a student who is enrolled in graduate school, in the early stages of study, who shows exceptional promise for leadership and technical achievement in information management.

Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Application forms and further information are available in PDF format from CLIR's website at <http://clir.org/fellowships.zipf/zipf.html>. Completed applications must be mailed to CLIR and be postmarked no later than April 1, 2003. The winner will be notified by May 31, 2003.

## Library programming ideas

More ideas from public libraries across the state:

Computer Basics for Preschoolers  
Fiction for Genealogists  
Straight Talk About College  
Native American Foods  
Teen Tech: Video Streaming  
German War Bride's Story  
Senior Citizen Security  
Writing to Recovery  
The Art of Henna  
Planning for Long-term Care  
Massage the Sole  
Learn to Cartoon  
Conversations with Immigrants  
Hands-on Grossology  
Parenting and the Internet  
Rocket Fuel Nutrition  
Your Life Story



ment 20<sup>th</sup> century writers. The acquisition was made possible in part by a grant from the Lannan Foundation, a family foundation dedicated to cultural freedom, diversity, and creativity.

Spanning 70 years, the Gaddis archive is extensive, including manuscripts and source materials for his novels, as well as related correspondence and clippings, unpublished stories, film scripts and plays, and nonfiction work for IBM, Kodak, Pfizer, and the U.S. Army. It also includes his working library.

Though Gaddis published only four novels during his lifetime, these works attracted lasting attention. His fiction is renowned for being innovative, brilliant, and challenging. His novels have been translated into many languages and today are taught at colleges and universities around the world.

Gaddis won many top honors for his fiction, including two National Bookwards for best fiction. In 1982, he was honored with a MacArthur Foundation "genius award." In 1989, he was elected to the 50-member American Academy of Arts and Letters, and in 1993, he received the Lannan Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement. He also received many other awards and grants from both state and national institutions.

Gaddis had several connections to Washington University where he served as a Hurst Professor in 1979 and formed lasting friendships with the esteemed writers and professors William H. Gass and the late Stanley Elkin.

## UMSL and county library offer "straight talk" on college

The University of Missouri-St. Louis and St. Louis County Library have planned a series of programs called "Straight Talk About College" to be offered at three library branches in January. All programs are free to the public.

The programs will address questions and concerns about the admissions process, time management, financial aid, and more. Relevant Internet sites also will be introduced.

"Some people might want to finish a de-

gree; others are just starting. Some just need a course or two to get that promotion at work, and parents need some concrete information on financial aid or the admissions process," said Melissa Hattman, associate director for admissions.

## Dunklin County Library establishes Hall of Honor

The Dunklin County Library has established the Dunklin County Library Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor will be located on the second floor of the library in Kennett and will honor county residents who have distinguished themselves within their occupation, trade, profession, or field of endeavor through intellectual, creative, or professional accomplishments.

To be eligible, a person must be, or have been, a resident of Dunklin County and must be nominated by a current or former resident. A committee representing residents from throughout the county will review nominations for acceptability.

Library director Richard Reynolds hopes the Hall of Honor will help instill pride in the communities and provide inspiration and encouragement for future leaders.

## Hannibal library collaborates with Family Services on programs

The Hannibal Free Public Library recently completed a collaborative program with the Division of Family Services. Sharon Lamberson, young adult services librarian for the Hannibal library, worked with a specialist from the Division of Family Services to develop young adult programs in conjunction with training for foster parents. (Foster parents are licensed for two years in Missouri and are required to attend 15 hours of training per year)

Lamberson used the curriculum, with some revisions, from Tackling the Tough Skills, which has been used primarily with individuals who are making the transition from welfare to work. Topics addressed in the curriculum include: attitude, responsibility, communication, decision making/prob-

lem solving, and career planning/preparing for the workplace.

The library offered six adult sessions and four teen sessions. In addition to the "Tackling" curriculum, Lamberson offered a short library tour and sent the teens on a scavenger hunt, which involved the use of the Internet, WebCat, reference books, and finding materials. She said teens especially enjoyed the decision making/problem session and a section on interpreting body language during the study on communication.

## Salisbury library celebrates 50th anniversary

Dulany Memorial Library in Salisbury recently observed its 50th anniversary. Dedicated on November 23, 1952, the library building was a gift to the town by a former resident, William H. Dulany. Library director Cheryl Springer says the library serves more than 2,000 users with a collection of 13,223. The library's latest project is to automate its collection to replace the card catalog.

## Cass County Library organizes winter reading program for adults

The Cass County Library will kick off its 2003 adult reading program in January with a community breakfast and background music by a classical guitarist. The club is open to both adults and high school students, and the 2003 theme is "Indulge Yourself: READ," which includes six categories, among them:

- *Truly Decadent*—no boundaries; six books of one's choice
- *Missouri Vacation*—six fiction or nonfiction books set in Missouri or written by or about a Missourian
- *One is Never Enough*—six books in a series or a selection of six books representing more than one series

Readers receive a prize if they turn in a log with six titles listed. The program will conclude in early March with a special program at the library featuring Charles

Gusewelle, columnist for *The Kansas City Star*.

"With this reading program, we want to remind our patrons that one of the finer things we can give ourselves, that doesn't cost anything, is the pleasure of reading a good book," said Teresa Foss

## Henry County Library establishes Internet job page

The staff of Henry County Library have developed an Internet Job Search page, which is available on the library's website. This page features a wealth of helpful information to job seekers including:

- Links to the state employment services of Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas.
- Links to more than a dozen of the most-used job search directories and sites on the Internet.
- Links to newspapers in Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas that are available on the Internet, most of which include classified job ads.

To view the page, go to <http://tacnet.missouri.org/hcl/jobsearch.html>.

## Texas County Library opens new branch in Licking

A new facility for Texas County Library's Licking branch opened in December 2002. Still on Main Street, the building is about 1,800 square feet and more than double the space of the old facility. It is the only one of the four county branches to contain a conference room. Library director Brenda Bates said the conference room will be used for children's programs conducted for Head Start and by area preschools, by the Friends of the Library for meetings, and for other events. Noting the change as an exciting time for the library, Bates said, "Now we have space to actually grow."



## Upcoming Events



**February 11-14**  
Library Skills Institute  
Columbia

**February 19**  
Summer Library Program  
Workshop  
Springfield

**February 19-20**  
Missouri Digitization  
Conference

**February 20**  
Summer Library Program  
Workshop  
Poplar Bluff

**February 21**  
Wolfner Advisory Council  
Meeting

**February 25**  
Summer Library Program  
Workshop  
Ellisville

**February 27**  
Secretary's Council on  
Library Development  
Meeting

**March is Small Press Month  
and Women's History Month**

**March 3**  
Read Across America Day

**March 9-11**  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's  
Literature Festival  
Warrensburg

## Mystery writers at your library?

Mystery Writers of America is developing a database of libraries interested in mystery writers as speakers. Writers who are in the library's local area or visiting it will be able to contact the library about the possibility of a program. No library will be obligated to sponsor a program with any individual writer or group of writers. There is no cost to libraries to be listed in the database.

Mystery Writers of America is a non-profit organization that has represented mystery writers for over 50 years. It is the organization that awards the Edgars and sponsors projects with libraries including Kids Love a Mystery Week.

Check [www.mysterywriters.org](http://www.mysterywriters.org) for more information.



Janea Coker, children's programming coordinator for the 10 branches of Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, made 12 appearances around the bi-county area during a week in December as one of the Dumb Bunnies from the popular children's books by Dav Pilkey. Coker, who is also the Marionville branch supervisor, made "speechless" appearances while the books were read, encouraging children to sense the fun experience available in reading. (*Monett Times* photo)

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